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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

As of November 30, 2012

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2012 and 11/30/2012.

		Current Year 2012				Previous Year 2011		
Category	Sub Category	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)	Quota Adjusted (mt)	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)
General		2541	371.9	428.6	475.1	2792	364.3	461.3
	Handline	5	478.8	1.1		5	381.8	.9
	Harpoon	244	316.6	35.0		323	278.3	40.8
	Rod and Reel	2,292	377.6	392.5		2,464	375.5	419.6
Harpoon		128	296.2	17.2	36.0	243	266.0	29.3
Longline		407	485.4	89.6	78.4	305	464.9	64.4
	NED	31	596.1	8.4	25.0	24	566.5	6.2
	North	167	401.9	30.4	27.6	143	422.4	27.4
	South	209	535.7	50.8	50.8	138	491.2	30.8
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine		13	284.6	1.7	171.8			
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					1.8	1	881.0	.4
Total:		3089	383.4	537.1	764	3341	366.4	555.4

NOTE

- Landings data are also posted twice per week at: <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>
- This report SHOULD NOT be considered useful for real time catch monitoring purposes. It only includes landings reported to NMFS to date.
- These numbers are considered preliminary and are subject to change.
- The final 2012 Bluefin Tuna Specifications (77 FR 44161, July 27, 2012) adjusted the 2012 quota and subquotas to account for 2011 underharvest and to address anticipated 2012 dead discards. Effective December 15, 2012 (77 FR 74612, December 17, 2012), NMFS added 40 mt to the 2012 adjusted General category quota.
- NMFS closed the southern area Angling category trophy fishery on April 7, 2012 (77 FR 21015, April 9, 2012), the incidental Longline category southern area fishery on May 29, 2012 (77 FR 31546), and the incidental Longline category northern area fishery on June 30, 2012 (77 FR 38011, June 26, 2012).

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fishery interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/hmsdocument_files/Tuna.htm or contact Brad McHale at (978) 281-9260.

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